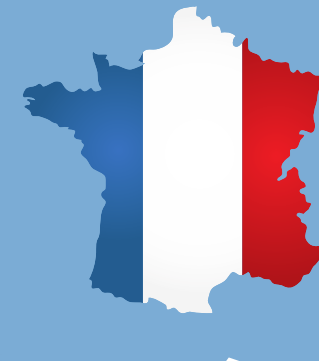


French-speaking countries around the world



LANGUAGE AND DIALECT DIFFERENCES

A dialect is a particular form of a language which is unique to a specific region or social group.



AROUND 300 MILLION PEOPLE IN THE WORLD SPEAK FRENCH. IT IS THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE IN 29 COUNTRIES, AND 11 FRENCH OVERSEAS TERRITORIES

Canadian French

Québécois French is spoken in Quebec. The grammar is the same as standard French but the accent is more nasal.

Acadian French is spoken on the maritime coast of Canada.

Standard French

Parisian or Metropolitan French is considered to be Standard European French.

Other dialects in France include Marseillais, Occitan, Breton, Basque, Alsatian, Auvergnat and Corsican.

Belgian French

Belgian French has a slightly different accent to standard French and is influenced by Dutch. The letter 'r' has more emphasis, and some numbers are pronounced differently. The number 70 is pronounced 'septante' rather than 'soixante-dix'.

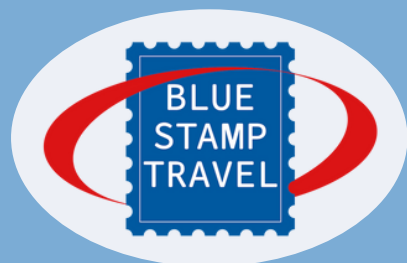
Haitian Creole

Haitian Creole is the French spoken in Haiti. It includes a mixture of African languages as well as other languages from colonial rule, such as Spanish and Portuguese.

African French

African French is entirely based on standard French, and it incorporates a wide range of variations and dialects, as French is spread across 34 territories and countries in Africa. Pronunciation can differ notably, particularly with the letter R, as well as the letters D, T, L and N.

THERE ARE MANY COUNTRIES, IN EVERY CORNER OF THE WORLD, WHERE FRENCH IS WIDELY SPOKEN BUT NOT AN OFFICIAL LANGUAGE, SUCH AS CAMBODIA, LAOS AND VIETNAM. THIS MAKES FRENCH A TRULY GLOBAL LANGUAGE!



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Africa

Country	Population	Percentage of the population that speak French
Benin	12,785,000	33.68%
Burkina Faso	22,103,000	24.45%
Burundi	12,625,000	8.51%
Cameroon	27,912,000	67.00%
Central African Republic	5,017,000	28.60%
Chad	17,414,000	12.91%
Comoros	907,000	26.13%
Congo	5,798,000	60.68%
Côte d'Ivoire	27,742,000	33.61%
Democratic Republic of the Congo	95,241,000	51.37%
Djibouti	1,016,000	50.00%
Equatorial Guinea	1,497,000	28.92%
Gabon	2,332,000	65.14%
Guinea	13,866,000	27.24%
Madagascar	29,178,000	26.49%
Mali	21,474,000	17.24%
Mayotte	299,348	51.78%
Niger	26,084,000	12.89%
Réunion	868,846	87.82%
Rwanda	13,600,000	5.83%
Senegal	17,654,000	26.28%
Seychelles	99,000	53.54%
Togo	8,681,000	40.94%

Europe

Country	Population	Percentage of the population that speak French
Belgium	11,668,000	75.55%
France	68,508,000	96.91%
Luxembourg	642,000	92.06%
Monaco	40,000	97.50%
Switzerland	8,774,000	67.12%

North America

Country	Population	Percentage of the population that speak French
Canada	38,694,000	28.59%
Guadeloupe	384,239	87.45%
Haiti	11,680,000	42.00%
Martinique	364,508	83.13%
Saint Barthélemy	9,961	90.00%
Saint Martin	32,489	98.49%
Saint Pierre and Miquelon	6,000	100.00%

South America

Country	Population	Percentage of the population that speak French
French Guiana	294,436	66.23%

Oceania

Country	Population	Percentage of the population that speak French
French Polynesia	279,300	99.53%
New Caledonia	271,407	66.62%
Vanuatu	322,000	31.06%
Wallis and Futuna	11,558	77.87%

Countries and territories where French is the official language

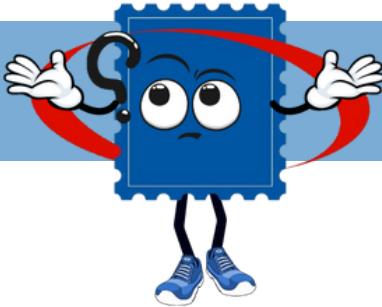
Countries and territories where French is significant, but not official

Country	Population	Percentage of the population that speak French
Algeria	45,350,000	32.86%
Andorra	77,000	70.13%
Austria	9,067,000	12.86%
Cabo Verde	568,000	10.74%
Germany	83,884,000	14.66%
Guinea-Bissau	2,063,000	15.37%
Ireland	5,020,000	12.67%
Italy	60,263,000	19.58%
Lebanon	6,685,000	38.00%
Malta	444,000	13.06%
Mauritania	4,902,000	13.38%
Mauritius	1,275,000	72.63%
Morocco	37,773,000	35.63%
Netherlands	17,211,000	19.21%
Portugal	10,141,000	25.12%
Romania	19,031,000	11.99%
São Tomé and Príncipe	228,000	20.18%
Spain	46,719,000	11.71%
The Gambia	2,558,000	20.02%
Tunisia	12,047,000	52.47%
United Kingdom	68,498,000	16.47%

FRENCH-SPEAKING COUNTRIES COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

USING THE MAP AND TABLES AS A GUIDE, ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS

TEST YOUR
KNOWLEDGE!



- 1

How many countries and French Overseas Territories in total have French as an official language?
- 2

What is a dialect?
- 3

How many countries and territories in Africa speak French?
- 4

Name 4 countries in Africa that have French as an official language.
- 5

Which type of French is considered 'standard' French?
- 6

Name the 4 countries that have the highest percentage of French speakers.

- 7

Where is Acadian French spoken?
- 8

Name the 4 countries, that have French as an official language, with the highest population.
- 9

How would you say the number '70' in Belgian French?
- 10

Name 2 different dialects in France.
- 11

What type of French do they speak in Haiti, and which other languages is it influenced by?

• Why was Haiti influenced by these languages?
- 12

Name an area of Canada where French is spoken.

- 13

French is widely spoken in 3 countries in Asia, which ones are they?
- 14

Name 4 countries in Europe where French is significant, but not an official language.
- 15

Are there any continents in the world where French is NOT significant or spoken in any way?
- 16

Rewrite this sentence, underlining the letters that would be pronounced differently in African French:

"La famille habite dans une maison individuelle avec un jardin."

FRENCH-SPEAKING COUNTRIES COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

ANSWERS

- 1 How many countries and French Overseas Territories in total have French as an official language?
- 40 = 29 countries + 11 French Overseas Territories (1 mark)
- 2 What is a dialect?
- A dialect is a particular form of a language which is unique to a specific region or social group. (1 mark)
- 3 How many countries and territories in Africa speak French?
- 34 (1 mark)
- 4 Name 4 countries in Africa that have French as an official language.
- Any 4 from: Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Guinea, Madagascar, Mali, Mayotte, Niger, Réunion, Rwanda, Senegal, Seychelles, Togo. (1 mark for each)
- 5 Which type of French is considered 'standard' French?
- Parisian/Metropolitan French. (1 mark for either)
- 6 Name the 4 countries that have the highest percentage of French speakers.
- Saint Pierre and Miquelon, French Polynesia, Saint Martin & Monaco. (1 mark for each)
- 7 Where is Acadian French spoken?
- On the maritime coast of Canada. (1 mark)
- 8 Name the 4 countries, that have French as an official language, with the highest population.
- Democratic Republic of the Congo, France, Canada & Madagascar. (1 mark for each)
- 9 How would you say the number '70' in Belgian French?
- "Septante" (1 mark)
- 10 Name 2 different dialects in France.
- Any 2 from Parisian/Metropolitan French, Marseillais, Occitan, Breton, Basque, Alsatian, Auvergnat and Corsican. (1 mark for each)
- 11 What type of French do they speak in Haiti, and which other languages is it influenced by?
- Haitian Creole & Spanish and Portuguese. (1 mark for each)
- Why was Haiti influenced by these languages?
- Due to colonial rule. (1 mark)
- 12 Name an area of Canada where French is spoken.
- Quebec. (1 mark)
- 13 French is widely spoken in 3 countries in Asia, which ones are they?
- Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam. (1 mark for each)
- 14 Name 4 countries in Europe where French is significant, but not an official language.
- Any 4 from Germany, United Kingdom, Italy, Spain, Romania, Netherlands, Portugal, Austria, Ireland, Malta, Andorra. (1 mark for each)
- 15 Are there any continents in the world where French is NOT significant or spoken in any way?
- Antarctica. (1 mark)
- 16 Rewrite this sentence, underlining the letters that would be pronounced differently in African French:
- Underline the letters R, D, T, L and N. (1 mark)
- "La famille habite dans une maison individuelle avec un jardin."

34 TOTAL MARKS